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So...



Shortly. . .

COCO-PALM LOUNGE

Haven't you run out of film yet, Skipper?

Ha-ha! Very funny. . .!

Wow! It was cooler up on deck. . .oops!

I'm real sorry. That was my fault. Guess I'm not exactly Twinkletoes!

Then allow me! One calypso lesson coming up. Here. . .

That fella's a real smoothy, Ken. I'd like a garland of flowers, too!

Skipper's just settling for another photo. She'll wear that thing out!

As the entertainment ended. . .

Thanks, Mike! I wish I could play a guitar as well as you. . .

Say! Put that down!

Hey, cool it! She wasn't going to steal it, you know!

Sorry! Forgive me! I'd just hate for it to get damaged, that's all!

I. . .

Not quite the prince charming, after all, is he?

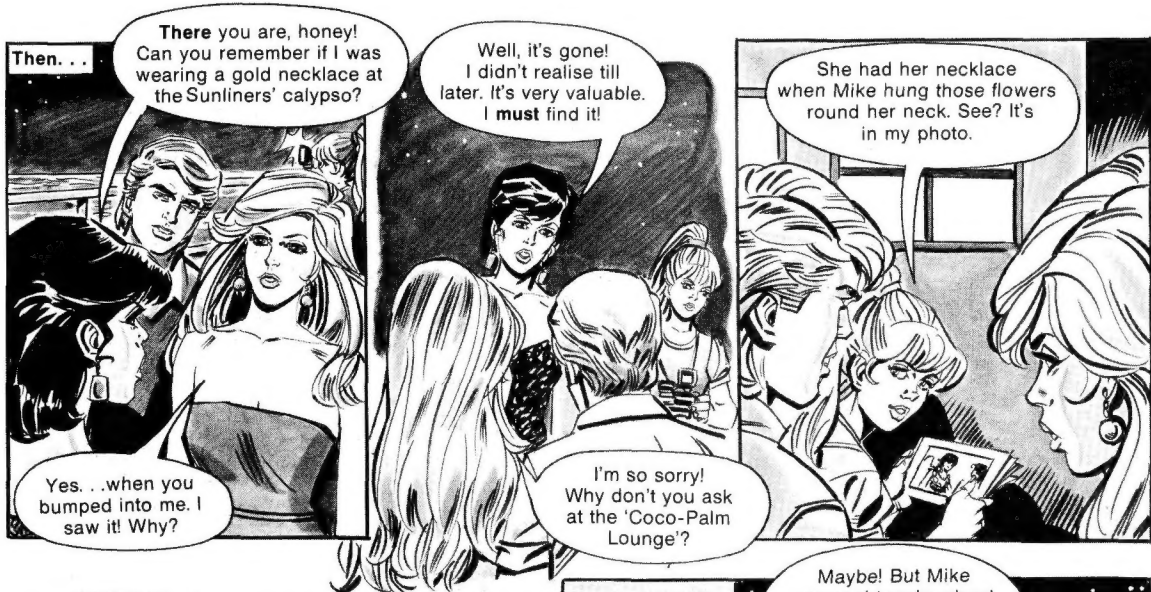
I wonder why he got so cross?

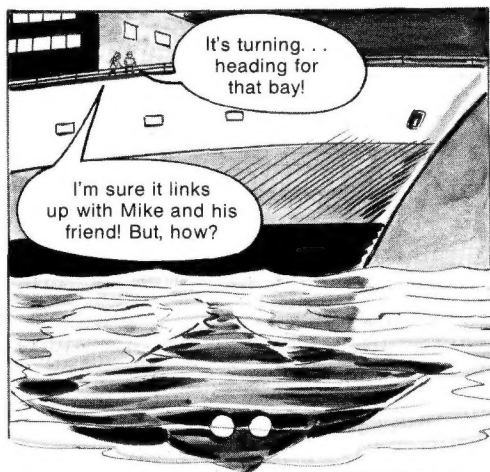
He let me hold his guitar earlier!

That evening. . .

See that island, Ken? The cruise includes a trip ashore there, tomorrow. Isn't it beautiful?

Perfect — for some more fashion shots, Barbie. It has a real air of exotic mystery about it!





Next morning...



Eventually...

This is the bay, all right — well away from the main tourist area, luckily.

That may not be 'luck', Ken.

Barbie...!



The 'creature' turned...

Barbie beckoned to Ken...

Oh-oh! It's spotted us. My hunch better be right!

The speed of it... but maybe we can outsmart it!

What's Barbie up to? That thing's nearly on us.

This better work...

Sure enough...

The gap through those rocks isn't big enough! It's caught! Wow...!!

They helped the dazed diver ashore...

I was trying to scare you off! That was a smart trick of yours...

After the diver confessed to local police...

That's no fish!

An underwater sea-scooter, with camouflage. I'll bet this package contains the necklace and other jewellery.

Mike hid the necklace in his guitar — and probably all the other jewellery he stole.

Then he dumped it all overboard in a floating, waterproof package, with a sonic signal — for the diver to collect!

Thefts had occurred on previous cruises, too!

The diver had to make a second trip when we stopped Mike, last night.

Right! But it was Skipper's photos that really put us on to him!

Talking of which... smile!

Oh, no! Not again!

the end

Miss Nosy



Hello! What's going on over there, then? An accident?

Jan — come back! It's none of your business!

Jan Parker lived up to her nickname of 'nosy'...

Next morning, when Jan opened the shop...

Hello! Here comes my first customer! Looks like he's in a hurry, too!

After leaving Dina, Jan returned to the flat over her parents' pawn shop...

I just wanted to see what was going on! No crime is it?

You know, Jan, one day you're going to poke your nose into something once too often.

Well, we're off now, dear. See you in a few days. Sure you'll be all right while we're at aunty Hetty's?

Of course, Mum! 'Bye now!

I need money quickly. I want to pawn these glasses.

Why, they're made of gold... pure gold! I've never seen anything like them before!

I'll give you £5 for them.

They're very valuable. I use them a lot in my work. Been worn by Kings and Queens.

I'll be back for them tomorrow at four!

Wonder how he came across the glasses?



I can't resist trying them on. He'll never know anyway!



They're a perfect fit. I'll show them off to the old dear coming in now!



But as the woman approached, Jan got the shock of her life!

Oh, no! I must be seeing things! She's got the head of a mouse!

I... I'd like to pawn these beads.



Get out of here! I hate mice! Get out! Out!

I've never been so insulted! You're raving mad!... You ought to be locked up!



Before Jan could gather her senses, another customer entered...

Mornin', Love, I got some watches I wanna sell!

I don't believe it! Now this man's got the head of a Fox! I must be going mad!



Just like a real Fox the man was cunning and cagey...

Lovely watches these. All new an' in perfect workin' order. 'Ere, you look as white as a ghost!

No, I'm f... fine. I... I mean... I'm not well. You'd better leave.

Jan put the 'closed' sign up.



CLOSED

I don't understand how, but the glasses show people with animal heads that fit their characters. I'm going to take them off right now!



What the...? They won't come off! No matter how hard I pull they just won't budge. What's holding them on?

Desperately Jan tried to force them off with a spanner.



This is crazy. Only one thing to do! An optician!

She dashed into the street.



Oh, no! I didn't realise! Everyone in the street looks like an animal, too! I can't stand it any more! I can't stand it!

Abandoning her search for an optician, Jan raced back to the shop and locked herself in her room...

Who can I turn to? My friends will think I'm crazy! Maybe Dina was right. I have poked my nose into... wait! The man who pawned the glasses said he'd be back at four tomorrow. He'll know how to get them off!



Jan spent a restless night.



No! No! No!

She didn't open the shop until four the following afternoon.



It's him! He's come just as he said he would. I'll apologise for wearing the glasses and let him have them back free of charge!



Barbie's TV pin-up



HERE'S William Shatner (left) who stars in the title role of tough but kind-hearted TV cop *T. J. Hooker*, and Adrian Zmed, who plays Officer Vince Romano. And, chances are, you've seen Shatner's famous face somewhere else, too — out in space! For perhaps his best-known role is as Captain Kirk in the super-successful sci-fi series *Star Trek*.

FACT FILE — William Shatner

- * He was born in Montreal, Canada.
- * He always wanted to act, and began when he was very young.
- * At one time, though, he thought of joining his father's clothing company.
- * But, after graduating from university, William was drawn back to the theatre — and worked as an assistant manager, before acting began!
- * Being cast as Captain Kirk marked the turning point of his career.
- * William's first love is the stage!
- * He is a fitness fanatic — enjoying ski-ing, scuba-diving, archery, karate, tennis and jogging.
- * He and his wife also raise horses and champion Doberman dogs.

FACT FILE — Adrian Zmed

- * Adrian was born in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.
- * His birthday is March 14th.
- * At school, he originally wanted to be a professional footballer — until an injury forced him to think again.
- * Then he was asked to appear in a school production of *Grease* and *Glee* and, as he says: "An actor was born!"
- * At first, Adrian's father wanted him to be an architect, doctor or priest.
- * Adrian moved to Hollywood in 1978 and has guested in *Starsky and Hutch*.
- * He was cast in *T. J. Hooker* in 1981.
- * Adrian is also a dancer and singer!
- * He hopes, one day, to work with Lord Olivier!

Barbie

Down on the farm

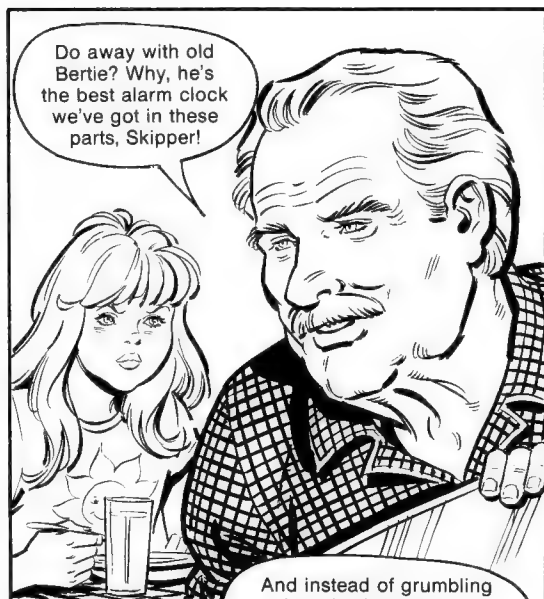
Spending a summer holiday on Uncle Henry's farm was a happy time for Barbie — but Skipper, awakened at the crack of dawn, every morning, **didn't** find country life such fun.



Skipper grumbled all through breakfast. . .

Ooh, that wretched rooster, crowing its head off at the crack of dawn, just when I was having a lovely dream. . .







Sarky thing. But she doesn't realise I only chose to feed the fowls 'cos I've suddenly had an idea...



And finding an empty sack...

Don't squawk at me — I'm not going to harm you! Just take you somewhere else!



But trying to capture Old Bertie...

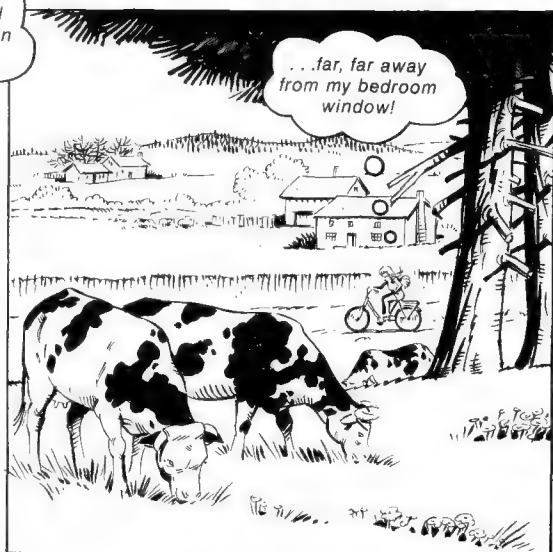
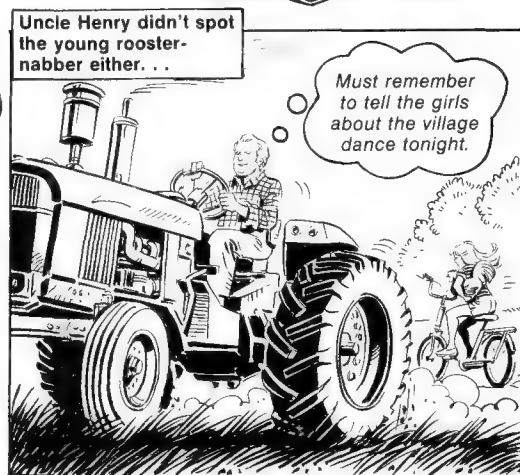
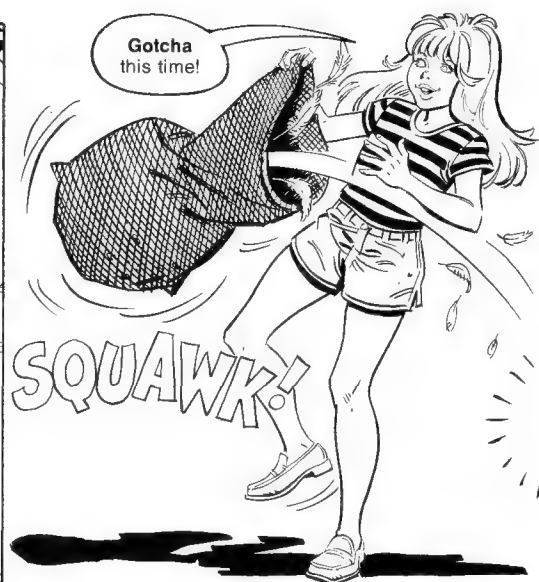
...proved a disaster for poor Skipper...





COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO!





And, at another farm...



'Bye, Bertie!
Cock-a-doodle-do!

That evening...



I'm looking forward
to this village dance,
aren't you, Skipper?

You bet!



And I'll be dancing with
joy, knowing that Uncle Henry's
beastly 'alarm clock' won't be
waking me up at some grotty hour
in the morning!

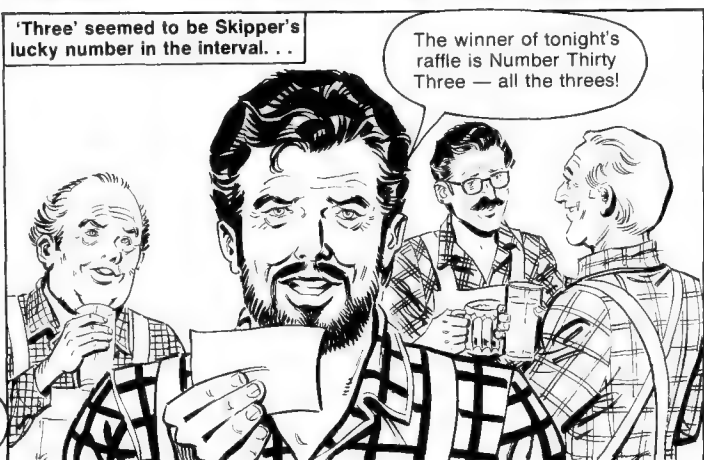
She did, too...



Swing your
partners round
and round...

Whee, this
is fun!

'Three' seemed to be Skipper's
lucky number in the interval...



The winner of tonight's
raffle is Number Thirty
Three — all the threes!

But, phew, I'm beginning
to wish I hadn't had two
helpings of blackberry
pie for tea!

It was three,
if we're counting,
greedy!





A to Z of BEAUTY and HEALTH

A is for apples

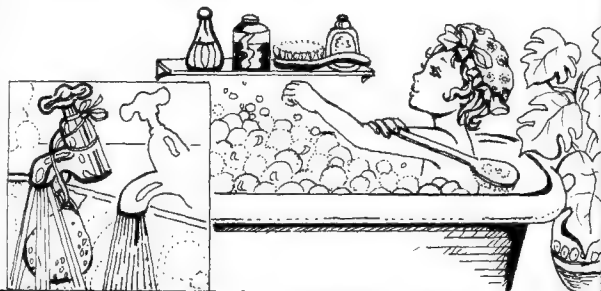
Feeling peckish? Then munch a crispy apple. It will help to stop those hunger pangs until your next meal, *without* adding lots of unwanted calories! Chewing an apple is good for your teeth, too. *Chocolate isn't!*

C is for clothes

Clothes can make all the difference to how you feel. Creased, washed-out clothes will only make *you* feel creased and washed-out, too! You don't need to spend a lot of money to look nice, either. The secret is to 'mix 'n' match'. Accessories will also help to make your outfits look completely different. So invest in some scarves, belts and fake jewellery.

B is for bathtime

Pamper yourself by adding herbs to your bath water. They'll leave your skin smelling *wonderful*. Just hang the herbs, in a muslin bag, under the hot water tap and allow the water to run through it. Basil, camomile and lavender are nice herbs to use.

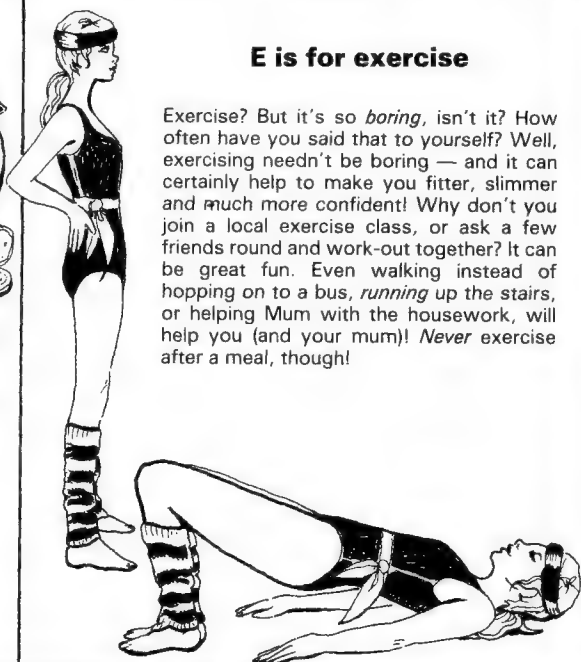


D is for diet

You've heard the saying, 'you are what you eat'. Well it's true! With the right combination of good food, plenty of sleep, fresh-air and exercise, you'll look and feel marvellous! Skin thrives on a well-balanced diet, you know! Eat plenty of crisp, fresh fruit and vegetables, fish, milk, cheese, wholemeal bread and the other foods drawn above.

E is for exercise

Exercise? But it's so *boring*, isn't it? How often have you said that to yourself? Well, exercising needn't be boring — and it can certainly help to make you fitter, slimmer and much more confident! Why don't you join a local exercise class, or ask a few friends round and work-out together? It can be great fun. Even walking instead of hopping on to a bus, *running* up the stairs, or helping Mum with the housework, will help you (and your mum)! *Never* exercise after a meal, though!





F is for fashion

Go on, admit it! How often do you stand in front of a mirror and pretend you're a trendy model? Your imagination can run riot! Suddenly, you've got long, silky hair, slim hips (*and waist*), and beautiful, sparkling eyes! But even more important is . . .

G is for good grooming

Take care of yourself with this head-to-toe routine. **Morning:** Wash yourself, put on *clean* clothes and brush your hair and teeth. **Noon:** Wash hands and face again and check your hair. **Night:** Bathe, prepare clean clothes for the next morning, brush your teeth again.

H is for hair

Caring for your hair is easy, providing you keep to a routine. Straight or curly, long or short, thick or thin — whatever your hair type, it can *always* look nice, as long as you wash and condition it regularly. Have your hair trimmed every six to ten weeks, to keep split-ends away, too. Choose a style that suits *you* — and not because it suits a friend! A hand-held blow-dryer is useful, too!



I is for interests

It's healthy to have lots of different interests. Take-up a sport, learn to cook — now what else . . ?

J is for jogging

You'll feel wonderful — and have less time to eat!

K is for kisses

If your breath smells nice, you'll get lots of 'em!

L is for lemon

Drink warm water and lemon juice for clear skin and eyes. Rinse fair hair in lemon juice for a shine!



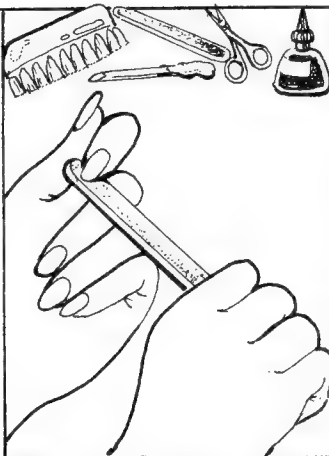
M is for make-up

A young face doesn't really need make-up. Remember that you will never look as naturally good as you do in your teens! But if you want to wear just a little make-up to go to a party, then find the right colours that suit your kind of skin and colouring.



N is for nails

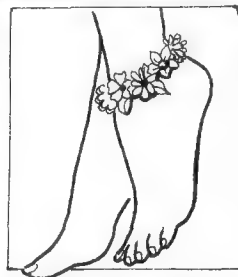
First invest in a manicure set! Now remove chipped varnish, using an oil-based varnish remover. Soak your hands in warm water mixed with a little soap. Dry your hands, then rub in some cuticle remover. Use a cotton bud to ease back cuticles. Shape your nails with an emery board — and you're ready to apply varnish!



O is for overweight

Hands up those of you who are *really* pleased with your weight and the way your clothes fit in all the right places! Hm, not many of you, are there? If you're overweight, *now* is the time to do something about it. Keep a record of *everything* you eat and drink each day. This will help you to pin-point what you are eating that you shouldn't be! Cut-down on cakes, biscuits, sweets, sugar, fizzy drinks, fats, oils and fried foods. These have hardly any nutritional value — and are all extremely fattening! See *D for diet*, to find out what you *should* eat.





P is for pedicure

When was the last time you thought about all the hard work your feet do for you? Take them out of those ill-fitting shoes and treat them to a pedicure! Soak your feet in warm soapy water. Then rub the sides and heels with a pumice stone to remove dry, dead skin. Clip your toenails *straight across*. Now moisturise your feet.

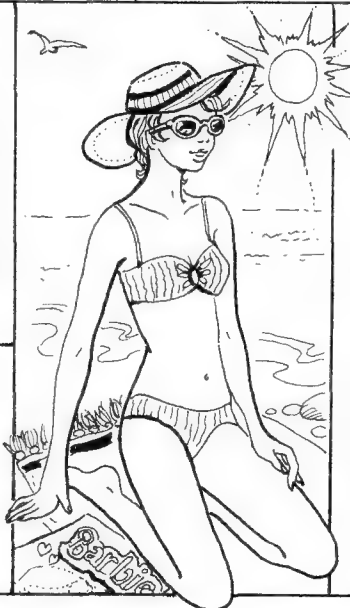
Q is for questions

There is so much to learn — so keep asking questions! Read lots of books and ask advice from parents, sisters — and even friends!



R is for rest

It's something you need plenty of. It gives your bones, muscles and even your brain a chance to recover from all their hard work! Make sure you have a firm, comfortable mattress. You spend a lot of time in it, after all!



S is for sunbathing

A suntan might look nice, but the sun doesn't do your skin a lot of good! It can cause the skin to age, blister and dry-out! You don't have to hide from the sun, though — just take it easy. Use a good sun-cream, applying it liberally to your neck, throat, face, shoulders, shins and feet, which burn easily. *Always* wear sunglasses and a hat.

T is for teeth

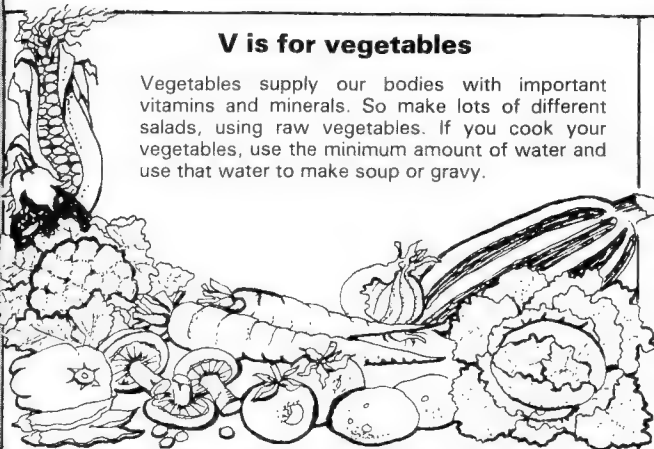
Afraid to smile in case someone notices your teeth? Then STOP eating and drinking sugary things — *now*! Done that? Right! From now on, eat plenty of crisp fruit and vegetables. Visit your dentist for a check-up *every* six months. Brush your teeth morning and night, using a fluoride toothpaste and soft toothbrush. Use dental floss to help remove harmful plaque. WHAT PERFECT TEETH!

U is for unhappy

Grown-ups are always telling us that we're too young to worry or have problems, aren't they? That makes us even more unhappy! Boredom *does* leave too much time to worry, though — so always keep yourself busy!

V is for vegetables

Vegetables supply our bodies with important vitamins and minerals. So make lots of different salads, using raw vegetables. If you cook your vegetables, use the minimum amount of water and use that water to make soup or gravy.



W is for washing

A lot of care and patience is needed if you want healthy skin. Use a mild, unperfumed soap to wash your face. Strong, perfumed soap leaves skin feeling taut. Use moisturiser to keep skin soft.



X is for experimenting

Don't be afraid to experiment. Try a different hair-style, a strange exotic food — even a new hobby. Life should *never* be boring again!

Y is for yoga

If the word *exercise* makes you want to hide under your bedcovers, try doing yoga. It's a gentle, controlled way to help keep you fit.

Z is for zest

You should have plenty of this if you follow our A to Z of Beauty and Health! Just remember to eat the right foods, get enough sleep — and exercise each day. It's working already!



It's a Laugh!



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Barbie Rock Stars

Simon Le Bon was born on October 27, 1958 (on his father's birthday) to a family rich in theatrical ties.

Simon's grandmother had been a Tiller girl dancer and his mother, Ann Le Bon had had operatic training. And *her* parents had followed careers in the stage and film world as well.

So it's not altogether surprising that Simon soon showed signs of carrying on the family tradition and turned out to be a very sensitive and imaginative child.

By the age of 3 he was writing reams of poetry and when he was 5 his parents sent him to drama lessons. Before he knew it, Simon was starring in a Persil advert as the boy in a dirty shirt!

Later Simon had a part in a local production of *The King And I* and at 14, he was chosen from thousands of boys to appear in a West End production of *Tom Brown's Schooldays*.

Meanwhile he also joined his local church choir and won lots of trophies for his beautiful singing voice, plus prizes for the poetry that he was still keenly writing.

Although Simon excelled in music, art and drama, his school report had him marked down as being a bit of a dreamer.

Simon would sit for ages in front of a blank piece of paper letting his imagination run wild, and totally forget to write anything down!

He managed to pull himself together when it came to exams though and walked away with the grand total of 6 'O' Levels and 2 'A' Levels.

Simon's young life was choc-a-block with choir practice and acting lessons so he missed out on all

the trivial pursuits that boys of his age usually indulge in.

So it was only natural that he decided to let loose a little when he reached his teens. Besides, punk rock had just exploded in England and Simon was just the right age to get caught up in it.

He dyed his hair red and wore it spikey, and stayed out all night to see groups play, sleeping on park benches or in public lavatories!

At 18 he went to Harrow Art College and joined his first band, a punk band called *Dog Days*. Then he moved to Birmingham University to do a drama course and auditioned for another band who weren't sure whether they liked him or not.

They all thought Simon looked rather odd in the pink spotted leopard-skin trousers that he'd turned up in, but they could see he had that 'special something' and decided to ask him to join.

The band was called *Duran Duran*.

The rest, as they say, is history. Simon swapped his spotted jeans for more sophisticated clothes and a jet set image and lifestyle.

And now, not only is he the lead singer for *Duran Duran*, he's in a new band called *Arcadia* which he formed with fellow *Duran* members — Nick Rhodes and Roger Taylor.

But far from letting rehearsals and touring take over his life in the same way that choir practice used to when he was a boy — Simon now makes sure that he always has some free time to enjoy himself and pursue some non-musical activities, particularly since last Christmas, when he married stunning ex-model, Yasmin Parvenah!

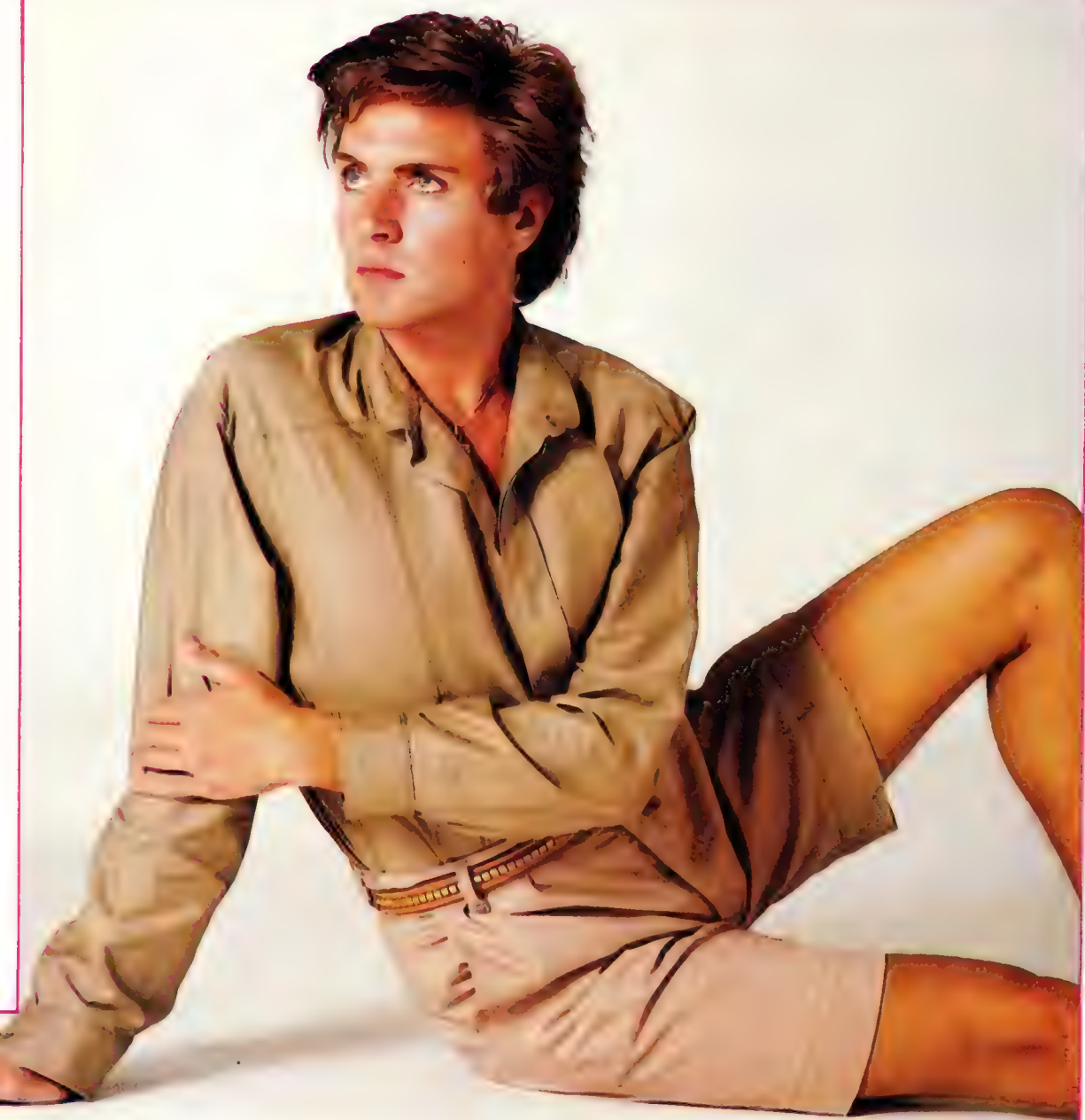


Everyone knows about his yachting disaster when his boat *The Drum England* turned over and Simon nearly drowned.

But Simon loves adventure and will stop at nothing. Nobody could be more determined than him to live life to the absolute full!



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Laura's luck

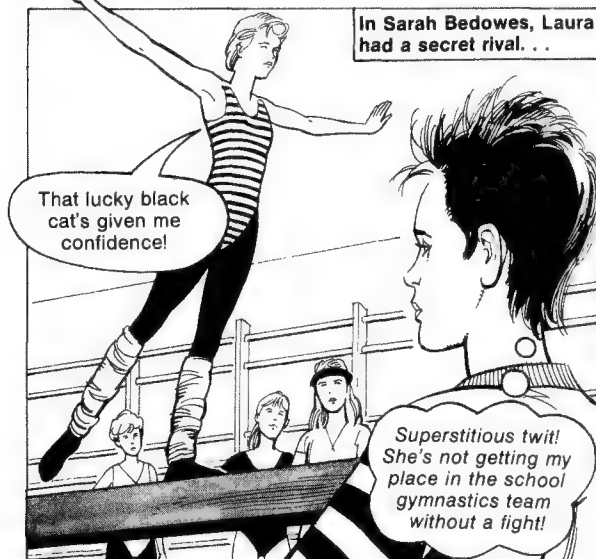
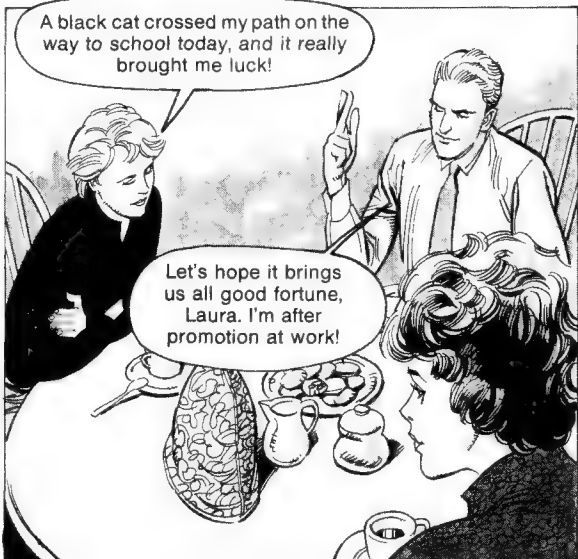
Laura James and her parents had always been superstitious. . .



Cycling to school from her new home one day. . .



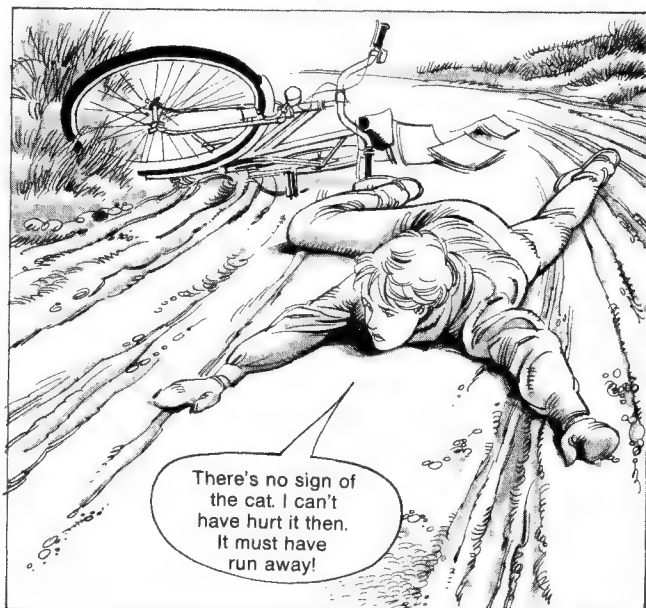
In Sarah Bedowes, Laura had a secret rival. . .

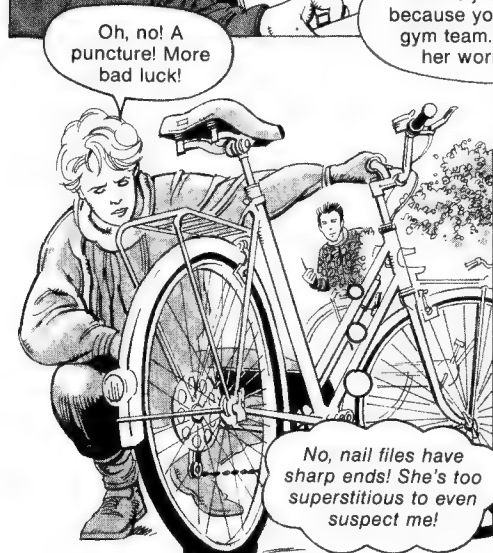
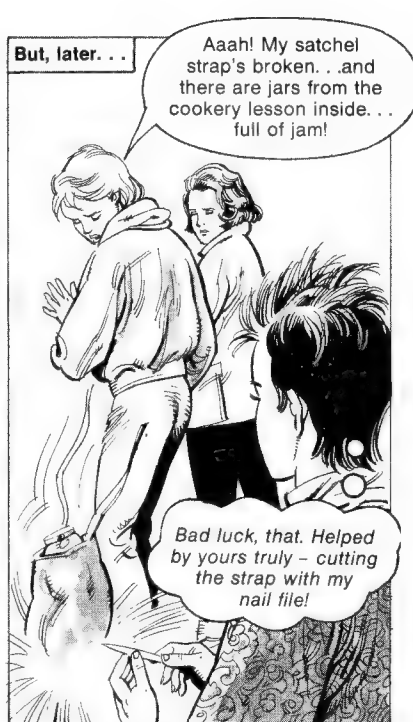


A few days later. . .



Sarah's chance came the next day. . .





As Laura cycled miserably home. . .

I feel awful.
My head!
Killing that
lucky black
cat has
spoilt
everything.



Huuh. . . I've
hit something. . .
can't control
bike. . .

Close by was a
shadow movement. . .

. . . I feel
like I'm being
watched!



Eyes. . . cats' eyes. . .
staring. . . hating. . .
haunting me!

No. . . no. . .
aaaaagh!

What on
earth was
that?



Lucky I heard your
yell. Lots of lorries
use this road, you know.

It came for me,
the black cat I
killed. . .





Six wild black cats! I bring them food every morning and evening. Those eyes belonged to the last arrivals, and none of them are missing!

The man took Laura to a nearby barn. . .



So I didn't hurt anything and I reckon those accidents at school were the work of Sarah Bedowes. From now on I'll make my own luck!

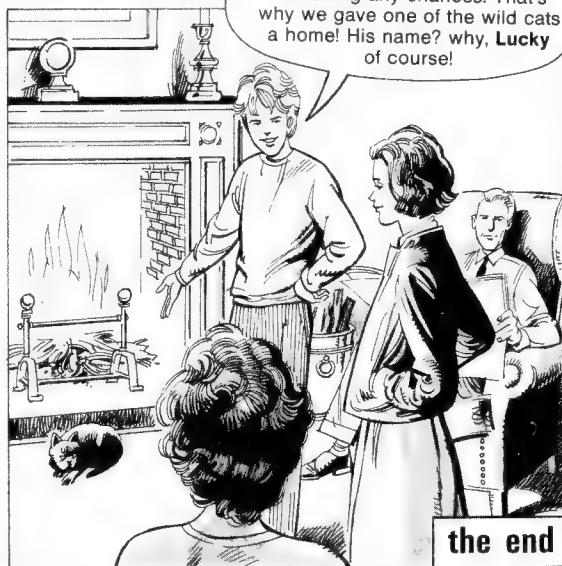
Same here. I'll rely on my own efforts rather than trust to good fortune in the new job!

We're not so superstitious these days, but we're still not taking any chances. That's why we gave one of the wild cats a home! His name? why, **Lucky** of course!

Next day at school. . .

Laura's back in form. As graceful and sure-footed as a cat! I'll have to give her your place in the team. Sorry, Sarah!

Huh! My luck's changed — for the worse!



The doll's house

Karen's granny had given her a lovely old-fashioned dolls' house she had when she was a child. . .

Spooky Special

It's so beautiful. . .
It's like another world in there.

I'd love to sleep in a four-poster bed!

What wonderful clothes they were in the olden days. . . and all that lovely furniture. . .

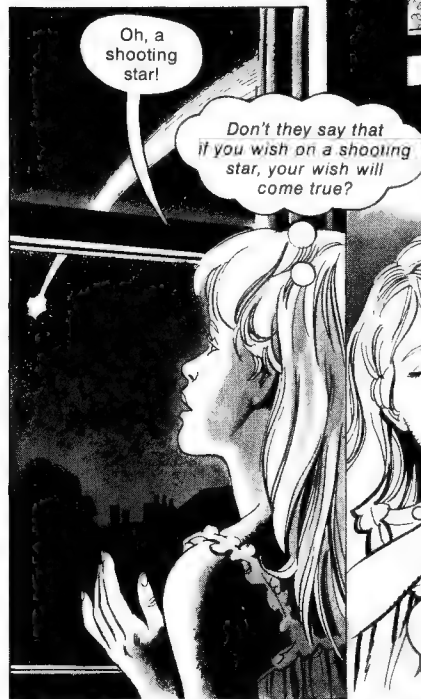


The owners even had people to wait on them.
If I were a girl in this house I'd never have to tidy my bedroom!

Karen played with the dolls' house all the time — which annoyed her sister Beth.

Coming out to skate, Karen?

No, I can't. Miss Victoria is changing bedrooms because the family are expecting visitors for the weekend.





Time to get up, you lazy good-for-nothing!

What, is it morning already?

Where am I?
That wasn't Mum calling me just then!

Ooh! I'd know this place anywhere! I'm in the dolls' house!
I don't think I believe this...

Hurry yourself, girl! The grates are waiting to be cleaned!

Ugh! Freezing cold water. I'm not washing in that!



Coming!

I suppose I'd better believe it for the moment - and get myself dressed.



These awful clothes - they aren't a bit like Miss Victoria's velvet dresses. There's nothing else to wear, though...

Karen nervously went downstairs...

Er... here I am.

About time, too! Do you realise it's already half past five?

Gulp!





Where do I get my breakfast?

Breakfast! The likes of you don't get breakfast until your work's done.



Something's awfully wrong here. I'm not Miss Victoria, I'm the scullery maid!

Here's your pail and brushes. Get the ashes cleared from the six grates and be quick!



Crumbs! Where on earth do I start?



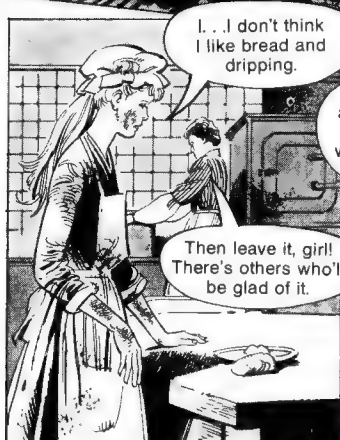
Phew! I've only finished two grates and I'm worn out.

Come on, girl! Whatever's keeping you?

At last...

Please... I've finished...

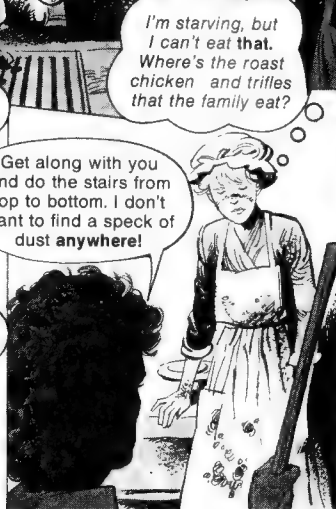
I should think so, too. Go and rinse your hands — your bread and dripping is on that table.



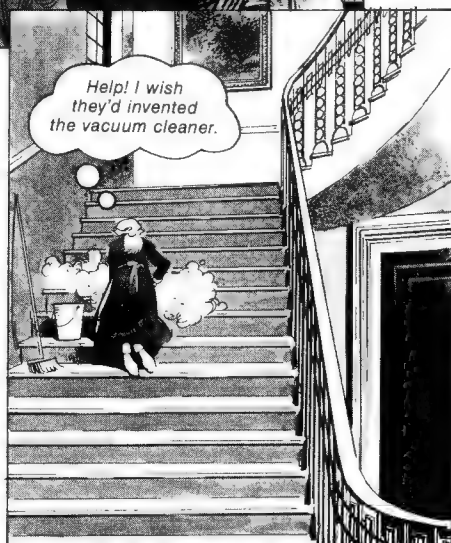
I... I don't think I like bread and dripping.

Get along with you and do the stairs from top to bottom. I don't want to find a speck of dust anywhere!

Then leave it, girl! There's others who'll be glad of it.



I'm starving, but I can't eat that. Where's the roast chicken and trifles that the family eat?



Help! I wish they'd invented the vacuum cleaner.



There! I've finished at last!

The stairs have hardly been touched! Go back and do them all again!

Karen felt she couldn't go on. . .

This isn't at all how I thought it would be! It's horrible here. I want to go home!

At last. . .



Now get going on that brass and don't be too long about it — we've visitors in the house this weekend.



Then. . .



Oh! Oh. . .thank goodness! I'm me again, back in the present!



Did I fall asleep. . . or did that shooting star really work some magic?



It was okay living in those times, I suppose — as long as you were born upstairs, not downstairs. . .!

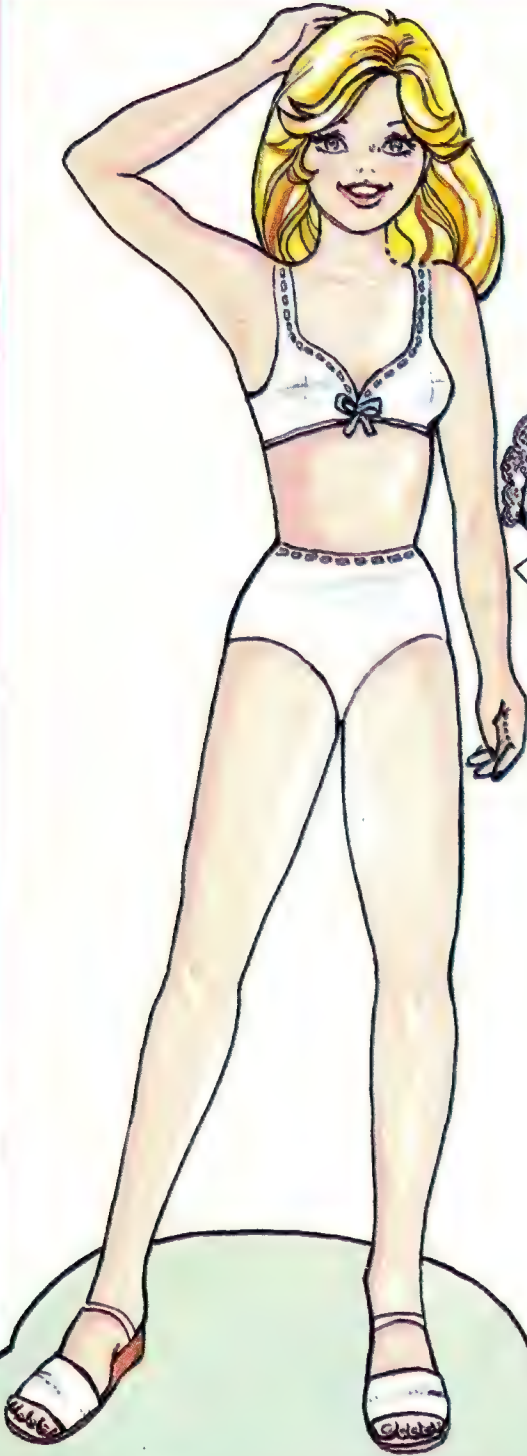


As for me, I think I'll stick to the 20th century for a while. . .

Hey, Beth, you coming skating?

the end

To dress Barbie in these fabulous outfits, first paste the picture of her on the stand on to card and cut it out. Bend back the white part of the stand to make her stand up. Then do the same with the picture of the dog on the opposite page. If you cut a slit along the dotted line on Barbie's left hand, you can slot the white tab at the end of the dog's lead into it. Now cut out Barbie's outfits. To dress her, just bend back the white tabs to keep the clothes in place.





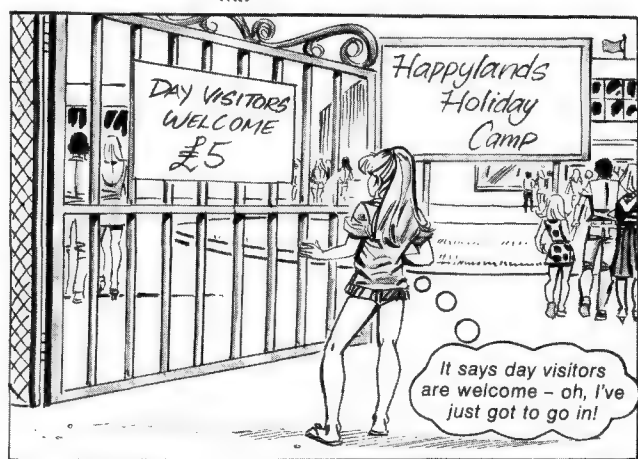
Barbie, Ken and Skipper
were on holiday. . .

Spotlight on Skipper



Skipper was bored!





Tomorrow there's a Holiday Princess Competition with prizes. If Barbie does my hair and lends me an outfit, I might stand a chance!

Skipper raced back to tell Barbie and Ken...

Hey! There's a holiday camp up there with a Holiday Princess Competition and I thought if...

Skipper! You've covered us with sand!

Calm down and start again.

I thought this peace and quiet was too good to last.

Holiday Princess Competition!
LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON.
ENTER NOW.

When she'd finished explaining...

Well, what d'you think, Barbie?

It's quite expensive... but, yes, I'll treat you!

Anything so we don't have to spend the day building sandcastles.

Oh, great! Thanks!

Mmm... quite nice — but now let me try your Crystal outfit.

At the hotel that evening...

Oh yes, Madam! Certainly, Madam!

Yes! This one I think... if you'll just take it up a little.

Of course, Madam. Will there be anything else, Madam?

Come and look at this, Ken!

Hmm... guess who's going to be following in your footsteps before she's much older?

Next morning...

You look beautiful, just remember everything I've told you!

Happylands Holiday Camp

'Course I will, Barbie.

We'll be back this evening — and to help carry all those prizes!



With a few strong strokes. . .

It's all right, I've got you! Relax on your back and I'll get you safely to the edge.

Gasp!
Splutter!

There! Are you all right now?

Martin! Oh, darling!

We've been searching everywhere for you!

Guess he's all right - but what about me!?

Last call for our lovely Holiday Princess contestants - and good luck to all of them!

I can't enter looking like this! I'll just have to go back. . .and what Barbie's going to say about her best dress, I daren't think.

Meanwhile, back on the beach. . .

I don't like to keep on, but isn't it nice and peaceful without Skipper?

Bliss! Rub a little more oil on my arms please, Ken.

Just then. . .

Er. . . Barbie. . . what d'you think this is walking along the beach?

Good heavens, what a mess! It looks like Skipper, but it can't possibly. . .oh no!

Of course, it was...

Whatever have you done to yourself?! You look as if you've been dragged through a pond backwards!

I should have known better than to let you go off with all my best things on. You've ruined them!

Hey! Little girl!

Oh Barbie, I'm sorry, but...

My beautiful dress! Skipper, where's your bag with your change of clothes? You've even lost that!

Now what?

Oh, please don't tell me off, Barbie!

Oh, Skipper, I don't know what to say!

Well done, sweetheart!

This little girl has just saved my son's life!

Good heavens!

What?!

It's true! She was incredibly brave...

Plunged straight in the boating pool and swam to the rescue!

She ought to get a medal!

It was nothing. Honest! Anyone would have done it.

We're so grateful to her.

We can't thank her enough! In fact...

I'll replace the dress, — and I'd like to pay for Skipper to come into Happylands every day for the rest of her holiday.

Oh, I think she'd love that!

Yippee!!!

the end

Meet Martin Daniels

Martin Daniels – son of master magician Paul – is definitely a young man on the move. In fact, we talked to him by telephone connected to his car!

Although when Martin first left school he toured extensively as his Dad's personal assistant, he's since established himself as a very versatile entertainer in his own right!

At 17, he set out on a solo career and made his professional showbiz debut in summer season at Newquay.

Martin was booked as a magician. But he soon mixed comedy with his magic. Later, he took dancing lessons as well as teaching himself to sing and play guitar.

Since which time, he's become a rapidly rising star – guesting on such TV series as *3-2-1*, *Saturday Superstore*, *Russell Harty* and *The Little & Large Show* not to mention his co-host role in the popular programme *Game For A Laugh*.

Here's how Martin answered some questions as he motored to his next appointment . . .

Q: Why didn't you stick solely to magic?

A: By branching out and doing something different, I had the chance of establishing my own showbiz identity.

Q: What makes you laugh?

A: The old comedians like Laurel and Hardy and W.C. Fields. I like gentle, innocent humour.

Q: Can you recall a funny incident?

A: A couple of years ago on April Fool's Day, I was staying at my Dad's house. He had some big, white polystyrene blocks. I put them in the swimming pool. Then I told my grandma we had icebergs! She believed me – at first!

Q: What are your 'likes'?

A: Best of all, I like going out – which I do just about every evening. Sometimes, it's to the theatre or to a restaurant.

Q: And your 'dislikes'?

A: Squeezing the toothpaste from the wrong end! Basically, I'm very placid and easy-going. I always tend just to accept and make the best of things.

Q: Will you stay with comedy?

A: I think so – everything I do has to be done lightly. I'm not to be taken seriously!

Q: What are your favourite TV programmes?

A: Old movies – and *Game For A Laugh*, of course!

Q: What is your ideal type of holiday?

A: At this moment, I'd pick somewhere hot, by the sea – so I could just sit in the sun!

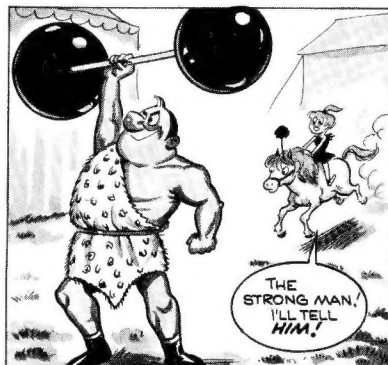
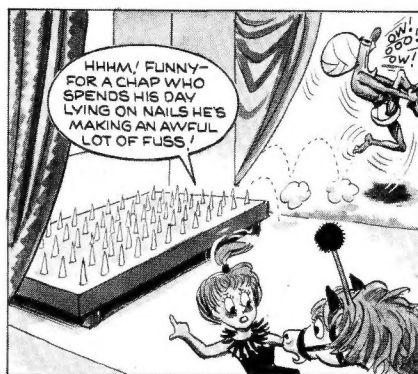
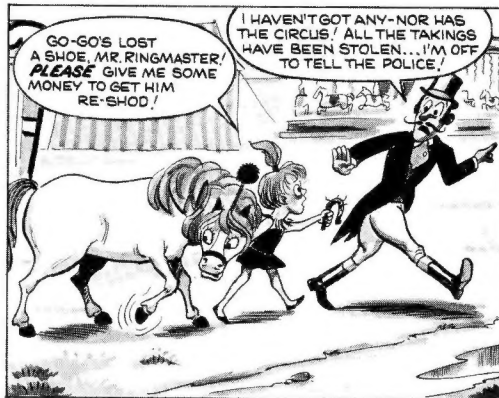
Q: Your ambitions?

A: I'd like to make a comedy film and be in a stage musical.

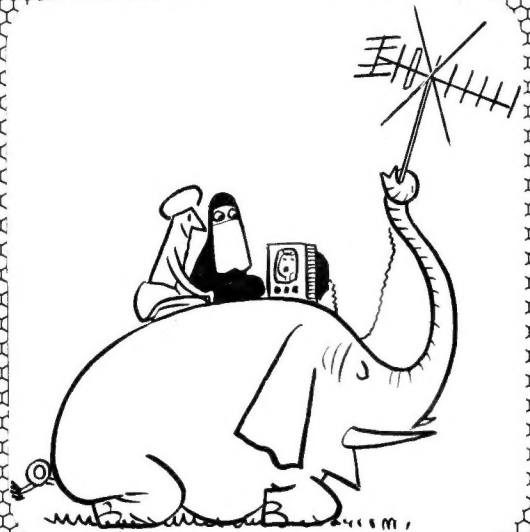
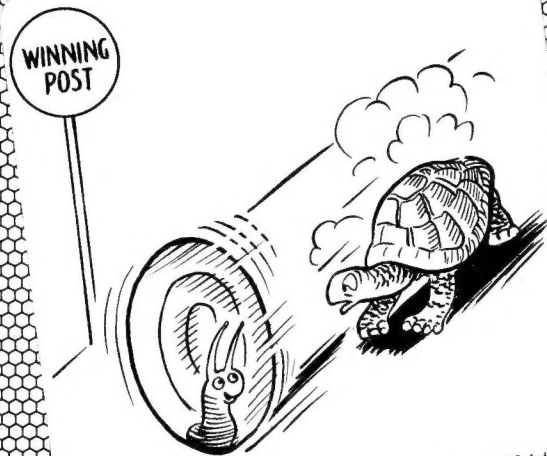
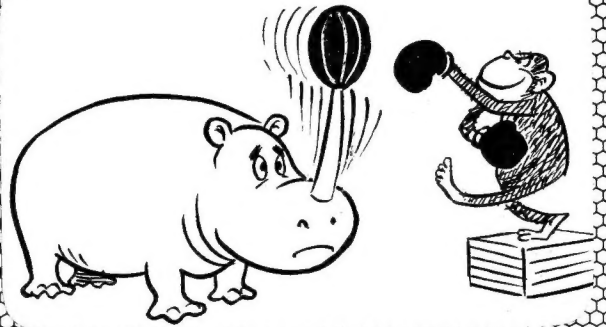


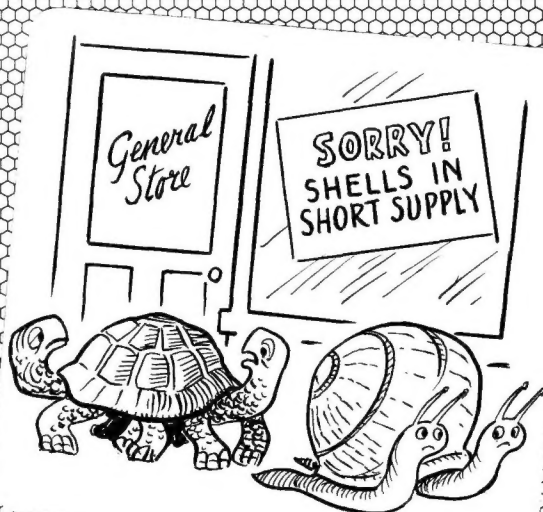
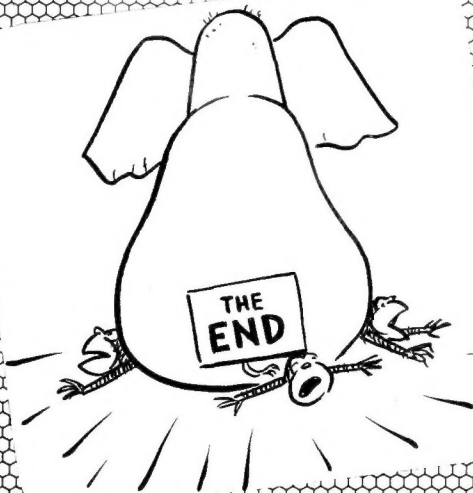
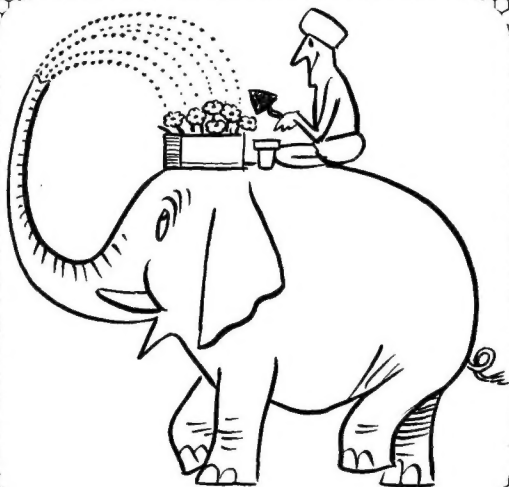
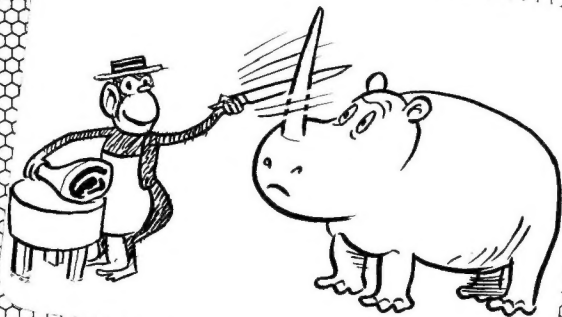
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Gi-Gi of the Circus and her horse Go-Go



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